Documents Pending for Registration under the Companies Act, 1956

847. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of documents field under the companies Act, 1956 with the Registrar of Companies are pending for registration/ recording;

(b) if so, the number of such documents pending for registration/recording as on 30th June, 2001 for more than a year; and

(c) the reasons for the large pendency and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) There were about 16.5 lakh documents pending for registration/recording as on 30.6.2001 for more than a year.

(c) The reason for the large pendency are: filling of a large number of documents under Company Law Settlement Scheme 2000, non-receipt of additional fees/less filing fees, or documents being defective otherwise. It is proposed to take on record documents with minor defects.

Vacancies of Judges in Supreme Court and High Courts

848. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Chief Justices of Supreme Court would be sworn in and retired during the year 2002 and on what dates;

(b) the total number of vacancies of Judges of Supreme Court, as on date;

(c) the number of vacancies in the High Courts in the Country; and

(d) the measures Government are taking to eliminate the delay in the procedure of appointment of Judges in the higher judiciary?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) During the year 2002, the office of the Chief Justice of India would fall vacant on May 06, November, 08 and December 19, 2002. Three Chief Justices of India would retire, and three new Chief Justices of India would be sworn in on these dates.